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SOURCE [REDACTED]

1. No changes in the occupation of the restricted area at Roebelin Lake, Fuerstenberg (N 54/U 62), were noted by 4 January 1951. Many officers were seen walking in that area. Military personnel observed there wore, in order of frequency, red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia, with tank insignia, with artillery insignia, epaulets with infantry insignia, signal insignia, medical insignia and motor transport insignia. Motor

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2. Only a few officers and MI and little vehicular traffic were observed in the restricted area on Baalenseestrasse. Military personnel there wore various branch-of-service insignia, as was also the case in the restricted area on Roebelin Lake, where most of the MI wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with signal insignia, and a few wore black-bordered black epaulets.

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3. Sentries at the tank repair shop wore red-bordered black epaulets and were unarmed. From 60 to 80 soldiers were seen on the shop premises during lunch hour. Eight junior officers wearing tank insignia left the shop for town during that period. Three T-34

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4. The outer installations of the former Ravensbrueck concentration camp, located west of the camp proper, included buildings of a former sawmill, and garages. The sawmill buildings were guarded by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 15 soldiers

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wearing the same kind of epaulets were seen working at the buildings, to which fire extinguishers were attached. Motor [redacted] One garage, which was located on the road leading southeastward to the lake, was occupied to capacity by trucks and guarded by sentries with red-bordered black epaulets. Thirteen groups of soldiers, each of 10 to 12 men with red-bordered black epaulets, did close-order drill east of the garage.

5. A cantonment was located in the area between the Fuerstenberg-Ravensbrueck-Lychen road and the railroad line. Its western section contained quarters for personnel and its eastern section garages, storehouses and sheds. Gate guards wore red-bordered black epaulets. From 200 to 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and black epaulets were quartered there. No training activity was noticed. One of the cantonment buildings was a club which was also frequented by officers from other installations in the Ravensbrueck area. The garages were used to about two-thirds of their capacity as shelters for trucks. No vehicular traffic was observed.

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6. The noise of motors and hammering was heard from the concentration camp proper, which was located in the eastern portion of the Ravensbrueck area. Source thought that motor vehicle repair shops were located there. Only a few soldiers were seen through a gap in the fence, as only a limited [redacted]

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7. [redacted] was in the restricted area of Muehlenwerke near the railroad station. No movements were seen in the restricted area, the purpose of which could not be determined. (5)

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